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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN BERLIN

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1. PENDULUM HAS SWUNG AGAIN, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT
SOVIETS, GDR AND POLAND WILL BOYCOTT SPEED SKATING
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN NEXT MONTH. GOVERNING
MAYOR SCHUETZ TOLD ALLIED COMMANDANTS FEBRUARY 18
THAT SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV HAD STATED FLATLY
SOVIET SKATERS WOULD NOT COME. OPTIMISM REPORTED
BY LOCAL PRESS LAST WEEK FROM INNSBRUECK HAS ALSO
EVAPORATED WITH PASSAGE OF DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL
SPEED SKATING ORGANIZATIONS TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION.
SWISS SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL SPEED SKATING
UNION (ISU) IS QUOTED AS SAYING "I AM VERY
SURPRISED. JUST A FEW DAYS AGO AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES
THERE WAS NO TALK OF A BERLIN BOYCOTT. IT'S NOW A
CLEAR POLITICAL AFFRONT AGAINST BERLIN."

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2. DESPITE EAST BLOC BOYCOTT, ORGANIZERS OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPECT 48 SKATERS FROM TEN NATIONS INCLUDING PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO COMPETE MARCH 6-7. EXPECTATION IS THAT U.S. OLYMPIC STARS WILL CARRY OFF BEAR'S SHARE OF MEDALS AND THAT ABSENT EAST BLOC STATES WILL BE PENALIZED UNDER ISU RULES BY BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER ONLY ONE INSTEAD OF FOUR SKATERS EACH IN NEXT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. GEORGE

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